

CLAIMS

1. A portable telephone assembly comprising first and second portions arranged to be mutually detachably interconnectable, the second portion being further arranged to be removably attachable to a user, the first portion comprising:

a body portion; and

an extendible portion movable between a relatively extended configuration and a relatively contracted configuration,

wherein the extendible portion is biased towards the relatively extended configuration, such that when the first portion is detached from the second portion, the extendible portion is urged towards the relatively extended configuration.

2. A telephone assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein when the first and second parts are connected, the extendible portion adopts the relatively contracted configuration.

3. A telephone assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extendible portion comprises an antenna.

4. A telephone assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extendible portion comprises an earpiece.

5. A telephone assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein the body portion comprises a display.

6. A telephone assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein the extendible portion is supported on an elongate element.

7. A telephone assembly as claimed in claim 6 wherein the elongate element is a hollow tubular element.
8. A telephone assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the elongate element is disposed within the body portion when the extendible portion is in the relatively contracted configuration.
9. A telephone assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein the relative configuration of the extendible portion controls a function of the telephone.
10. A telephone assembly as claimed in claim 9 wherein the relative configuration of the extendible portion controls the on-hook/off-hook status of the telephone.
11. A telephone assembly as claimed in claim 10 wherein removing the first portion from the second portion answers an incoming call.